

estimated recovery for Southern's pre-petition claims is approximately 0.3%.<sup>14</sup> Southern's post-petition claims will receive 100% payment under the Third Plan.

### III. Post Reorganization Ownership Structure

On the effective date of the Third Plan, Southern's interest in Holdings shall be cancelled and extinguished. As a consequence, Southern's pre-petition shares in Holdings would no longer have any claim to voting rights, dividends or in fact any rights with respect to Holdings. Neither Southern nor any of its affiliates would hold any interest of any kind in either Holdings or Mobile Energy. The existing bondholders will hold the New Common Stock, which will constitute the entire equity interest in the reorganized Holdings. Holdings will continue to own 100% of the equity ownership of Mobile Energy.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw from Listing and Registration on the Boston Stock Exchange; (Stratus Services Group, Inc., Common Stock, \$.01 par value) File No. 1-15789

September 3, 2002.

Stratus Services Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>2</sup> to withdraw its Common Stock, \$.01 par value ("Security"), from

listing and registration on the Boston Stock Exchange ("BSE").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with all applicable laws in effect in the State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and with the BSE's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

In making the decision to withdraw the Security from listing on the Exchange, the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the continuing costs of maintaining the Security's listing on the BSE outweighed the benefits of listing. The Issuer represents that the Security is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board. The Issuer's application relates solely to the Security's withdrawal from listing on the BSE and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.<sup>4</sup> Any interested person may, on or before September 24, 2002, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the BSE and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>5</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-25724]

### Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

August 30, 2002.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of August, 2002. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW.,

Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on September 24, 2002, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane L. Titus at (202) 942-0564, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0506.

#### CDC Kobrick Investment Trust [File No. 811-8435]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 16, 2001, each series of applicant transferred its assets to a corresponding series of CDC NVEST Funds Trust I, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$632,656 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Kobrick Funds LLC and CDC IXIS Asset Management North America, L.P., applicant's investment advisers.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on July 25, 2002, and amended on August 20, 2002.

*Applicant's Address:* CDC IXIS Asset Management Services, Inc., 399 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116.

#### Merrill Lynch Premier Growth Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-9653]

#### Master Premier Growth Trust [File No. 811-9733]

*Summary:* Applicants, a feeder fund and a master fund, respectively, in a master-feeder structure, seek an order declaring that each has ceased to be an investment company. On May 20, 2002, applicants transferred their assets to Merrill Lynch Large Cap Growth Fund, a series of Merrill Lynch Large Cap Series Funds, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$235,933 incurred in connection with the reorganization will be paid by the surviving fund.

<sup>14</sup> As a reflection of that level of recovery, Southern recorded an expense of approximately \$69 million in the third quarter of 1999 to write down its equity investment in Holdings to zero. An additional expense of approximately \$10 million was recorded in the third quarter of 2000 to reflect additional liabilities under the Cogeneration Development Agreement, as amended by Amendment No. 1. Applicants state no further material impact on Southern's consolidated capitalization is expected as a result of the implementation of the Third Plan.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(d).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(b).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(g).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).